

*Abstract The structure and dynamics of contact networks strongly influence the spread of infectious diseases. We investigate epidemic processes unfold over dynamic networks of contacts between individuals. Traditional models often assume static networks. In this paper, we consider a population of $N = 1000$ individuals, each represented as a node in a network. The disease dynamics follow the SIR compartmental model: individuals are either Susceptible (S), Infected (I), or Recovered (R). Simulation of the static network utilizes the fastGEMF/Markov approach, while spreading on the temporal network is simulated using a Monte Carlo approach. Results Simulation outcomes reveal striking differences between the two scenarios. On the aggregated static network, the epidemic reaches a peak of 325 infected individuals, while on the temporal network, the peak is significantly higher at 952 infected individuals.

	Metric	Static Network
Table 1 summarizes epidemic metrics for both cases. [h!] Epidemic Metrics Comparison	Peak Infected	325
	Peak Time	16
	Final Epidemic Size	952
	Epidemic End Time	69

Figures 1 and 2 further illustrate these outcomes. [http://www.royalsocietypublishing.org/journal/rsos/100000/figure-asset/rsos100000_fig1.png] [http://www.royalsocietypublishing.org/journal/rsos/100000/figure-asset/rsos100000_fig2.png] S, I, R compartment counts for static vs. temporal network.

Discussion These results underline the critical impact of temporal ordering and network dynamics on epidemic outcomes.

Conclusion Our investigation demonstrates that the temporal structure of contact networks, as embodied in the activity patterns, significantly influences the spread of infectious diseases.

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